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SUBJECT : PRESS ON FRENCH PAKISTAN NUCLEAR DEAL:

REQUEST FOR MEDIA ASSISTANCE

REF.: PARIS 23847, PARIS 23371 (NOTAL)

1. AS REFTELS INDICATE, FRENCH PUBLIC MEDIA HAVE BEEN MOST UNEVEN IN THEIR REPORTING AND COMMENTARY ON US RESERVATIONS OVER FRENCH SALE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN. ALTHOUGH A FEW NEWS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PRODUCED THOUGHTFUL PIECES ON DANGERS OF PROLIFERATION, MOST SPECULATE THAT U.S. OBJECTIONS ARE HYPOCRITICAL AND FOCUSED, TO ONE DEGREE OR ANOTHER, ON ALLEGED JEALOUSY OVER FRENCH SALES OR A DESIRE TO COURT VOTERS BEFORE US ELECTIONS. DISTINCTIONS SUCH AS THOSE BETWEEN POWER PLANTS AND REPROCESSING PLANTS HAVE BEEN BLURRED OR COMPLETELY IGNORED, PROBABLY, IN MANY CASES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUE TO SHEER IGNORANCE. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE CERTAIN

PRACTICAL EDUCATIONAL MEASURES TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT NOT ONLY ON US POSITION BUT ALSO ON JUST WHAT THESE DEVICES ARE THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A TAILOR-MADE ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR SALES AND PROLIFERATION, PREFERABLY BY A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SCIENTIFIC OR DISARMAMENT COMMUNITIES. IT SHOULD ADDRESS ITSELF TO U.S. CONCERNS OVER NON-PROLIFERATION AND DEFINE THE ISSUES, THE STAKES, THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED, THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS, AND THE VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED. ESPECIALLY, IT SHOULD CLARIFY THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN REACTORS AND RE-PROCESSING PLANTS. OUR HANDLING OF THIS ARTICLE WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT WE FINALLY RECEIVED, BUT TENTATIVELY WE ARE THINKING OF GIVING IT TO A MAJOR NEWSPAPER -- E.G. LE MONDE -- AS AN EXCLUSIVE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE STAFF-WRITTEN PIECE FROM DEPARTMENT OR ACDA, PERHAPS FOR PUBLICATION UNDER SIGNATURE OF EMBASSY OFFICIAL. ONCE AGAIN, OUR HANDLING OF PIECE WOULD DEPEND ON WHAT WE GOT.

3. IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOME EXCELLENT PIECES ON SUBJECTS RELATED TO PROLIFERATION AND NUCLEAR SALES ALREADY IN PRINT IN LEARNED PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN. WE NOTE ALSO TWO PIECES IN JULY ISSUE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. PERHAPS AGENCY COULD LOCATE SOME HELPFUL PIECES OF THIS SORT AND GET PERMISSION FOR US TO TRANSLATE AND USE THEM, EITHER FOR PLACEMENT IN LOCAL MEDIA, REPUBLICATION IN I&D, OR, FAILING THAT, AS BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR KEY CONTACTS.

4. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE AVAILABILITY HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKERS ON SUBJECT OF NUCLEAR SALES AND PROLIFERATION.

5. FYI, WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER USEFUL QS & AS FOR DEALING WITH FURTHER PRESS INTEREST IN US POSITION. WE WILL SUBMIT THESE TO DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL WHEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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